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Mr. Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20535 **Delivered Via Email**

Dear Director Patel:

Congratulations on your appointment and confirmation. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Crime Subcommittee, I look forward to working with you and your team on our shared mission of protecting Americans from those who would do us harm.

While I know that many issues are competing for your time, one issue that deserves your attention is California's High Speed Rail Project.

Nearly seventeen years ago, California and the United States were sold on the dream of high-speed rail in California. Originally projected to cost \$33 billion and scheduled to be completed by 2020, that dream has become a nightmare. According to the California High Speed Rail Authority's (HSRA) own estimates, the total project cost has now ballooned by over \$100 billion above that original estimate. Moreover, California's Auditor reports the HSRA will miss its latest 2033 deadline (one of many) without having completed a single segment of the track. Indeed, the New York Times reported that according to, "projections widely used by engineers and project managers, the train could not be completed in this century." [emphasis added]

This malfeasance leads to questions that transcend mere incompetence. How is it possible to have spent over \$13 billion without a single station opening? Where have these funds gone? Who benefited?

Because the project has consumed billions in federal funding, the FBI has both the authority, and I would argue the responsibility, to pursue these questions and deliver answers to the American people. The Public Integrity Division is uniquely qualified to root out any corruption, recover stolen funds, and restore confidence that our tax dollars are being stewarded carefully.

On behalf of my constituents and the people of California, thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kiley

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